



RHODE ISLAND

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE

235 Promenade Street, Room 370
Providence, Rhode Island 02908

Rabies Control Board Meeting

Meeting Date: June 8, 2016

Board Member Attendees: Scott Marshall, DVM, Utpala Bandy, MD, Charles Brown, Scott Scofield

Board Member Absent: Kevin Breene, C.H. Hannafin, DVM, Tom Gulluscio,

Non-Board Attendees: Chief Dean Hoxie (DEM Enforcement), Marisa Coates (DEM Animal Health),
Clare Ribiero (Owner of dog "Bandit")

Meeting called to order at 10:30 AM by Dr. Marshall followed by roll call of all in attendance.
A quorum was met.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussed variance for "Bandit" Ribiero. Documentation from DVM indicating Bandit is suffering from Cushings disease and Rabies Vaccination is contraindicated. Dr Marshall described Cushings.

Dr Marshall discussed with owner, Clare Ribiero the conditions to be met if variance is granted (which were outlined in a letter sent to Ms. Ribiero), including mandatory microchipping, possible Quarantine if dog bites or is potentially exposed and timeline for completion of variance process. Ms. Ribiero departed from meeting after discussion.

Discussed variance for "Sir Wellington" (Owner, Lena Guo, not present). Documentation from DVM indicating Sir Wellington is suffering from Granulomatous Meningoencephalitis and Rabies Vaccination is contraindicated.

Motion to grant both variances – Scott Scofield motion to grant; seconded by Charlie Brown. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

A) Board Membership

Discussion of two Rabies Control Board positions in question.

- 1) Dr Marshall presented info that RCB member ACO (presently held by Scott Scofield) be member of ACO organization (which no longer exists) and that legislation needs to be introduced to change that requirement.
- 2) Board member Tom Gulluscio's membership is predicated on his being a member of Animal Welfare Organization (he was President of OSAC), a position he no longer holds since he resigned as Westerly ACO. That may change but if not, his position may be vacant.

B) Compendium of Animal Rabies Prevention and Control, 2016

Discussion of previous linking to compendium via CDC/ MMWR. Compendium will now be linked via AVMA (<http://avmajournals.avma.org/doi/full/10.2460/javma.248.5.505>)

C) The Compendium of Animal Rabies Prevention and Control 2016 and amendments of State of Rhode Island Manual for Rabies Management and Protocols, 2013.

The Board recommended making the following changes to the Manual:

1. Page 8 section 6 c –keep existing language re veterinarians should consider reporting
2. Page 11 re Protocol Summary...Domestic Animals that Potentially Expose People.
Dr Bandy requested changing to Have Potentially Exposed People
3. Page 13 re Protocol Summary for Domestic Animals...other Domestic Animals. Dr Bandy requested changing to 1st column 2nd row “Medium Likelihood” to “Moderate Likelihood” (to be consistent with Domestic Vs Wildlife)
4. Page 17 – Rabies Contact Information – remove alternate number 401-222-7906 (Diane Brady’s direct line but she is not always available) and indicate “After Hours” for RIDOH in Alternate Number column.
5. Add “see below” for Local Animal Control Primary / Alternate number. Add “Town Listing of Animal Control Officers” PDF contact link.
6. Add 401-222-3070 as Alternate Number for F&W
7. Add link to Nuisance Wildlife Control Special list (From F&W)
8. Dr Marshall will craft language to indicate potentially exposed domestic animals will be immediately be Quarantined by ACO and that ACOs should contact State Veterinarian’s office for test results of specimens submitted for testing to see if negative results will allow for release of Quarantined animals.

Discussed timeline of adoption of Manual and dissemination of Manual to: ACOs, Police Chiefs, Nuisance Wildlife Specialists, RIVMA, RIRLA, Animal Health Licensees (Pet Shop/Boarding Kennels/Rescues/Shelters/Municipal Pounds) Others??

Changes to DEM Website should not interfere with posting prior to complete “migration” of old DEM site.

Motion to make changes– Charlie Brown motion to accept changes and finalize manual.
Seconded by Dr. Bandy. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes from last meeting 3-16-16:

Motion made to accept by Dr Bandy. Seconded by Charlie Brown. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn: Dr. Marshall motion to adjourn - Charlie Brown seconded the motion

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, October 26th, 2016 @ 10:30 AM – Conference Room 370A

Thank You All For Coming!